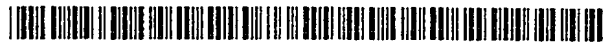


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After stimulation, the selective measurement of the Ag-Sp T lymphocytes is performed by: A) monoclonal antibodies recognizing
membrane structures of T lymphocytes and of their sub-populations; B) monoclonal antibodies binding to cytokines accumulating
at intracellular level after the stimulation with the antigen; or C) mixtures of A) and B). The flow cytometric detection of the pres-
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